



**News from Congressman**

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## **Lantos Plans Hearing in San Mateo on Stolen Explosives**

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo/San Francisco) today announced that at his request, a House subcommittee will conduct a field hearing within the coming weeks on the recent theft of explosives from a San Mateo County storage facility and its implications.

“The sinister theft of these extremely dangerous materials in our own back yard is a clear alarm bell. I want to make certain that every question is asked and answered, and every necessary action taken, to protect the lives of our citizens on the Peninsula and in San Francisco,” said Congressman Lantos.

Lantos is a senior member of the House Committee on Governmental Reform. On his urging, the chairman of its Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, Christopher Shays (R-CT), has agreed to hold a hearing in San Mateo to examine the appropriate federal role in protecting stored explosives.

Several federal agencies are involved in the San Mateo facility and similar facilities across the nation, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). Appropriate federal officials will help the Subcommittee determine if legislation is needed to improve arsenal security.

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